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UM ANNOUNCES WINTER ENROLLMENT

MISSOULA --

Winter 1988 enrollment at the University of Montana is 8,263, down from 8,552 a year ago.

This quarter's enrollment decline of 289 students, or 3.4 percent, from last winter quarter was less than the enrollment decline of 4.2 percent from fall quarter 1987 to fall quarter 1988, UM Registrar Phil Bain said today. Enrollment always drops from fall to winter quarters.

"We regained a little bit of ground we lost last fall, mostly because of some new students and a higher continuing rate," Bain said. "While there's still a decline, we're encouraged that it's not as much as last fall."

Bain says that two factors continuing to affect UM's enrollment are the declining pool of high school graduates and more rigorous eligibility requirements for federal financial aid.

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